 

The mission of the Marian E. McKeown Elementary School Library is to provide support for the entire school community so that ALL students can achieve their academic goals. Our library is an instructional partner with teachers to provide meaningful experiences for the students, and our staff provides guidance with all the resources offered in our library. Our highest aim is to encourage joy in reading and learning that will last a lifetime. In keeping with our mission, our library goal is to provide quality collaborative experiences and instructional resources that appeal to the diversity of population, varying levels of difficulty, and a wide variety of points of view for our students’ informational, educational, and recreational needs.

# **Our goal for the year**

To establish and increase collaboration between the media center and teachers. The target goal is to collaboratively plan a lesson, project, or unit with every teacher at least once per semester.

**Working together**

Teachers work collaboratively with the Media Specialist to plan lessons. This ensures students are learning lifelong information literacy skills at appropriate times.

Some collaborative lessons include: Kindergarten – nursery rhymes; Kindergarten – fairy tales; 1st grade – arctic animals; 1st grade – butterflies unit; 2nd grade – study of the continents; 2nd grade – animal reports; 3rd grade – rocks unit; 4th grade – almanacs; 5th & 6th grade – Diego Rivera research projects; 5th grade – Colonial America; 6th grade – country reports; 6th grade – science elements reports; All grades – solar system/universe via Star Lab portable planetarium

# **Our Mission**

###### **Marian E. McKeown Elementary School**

Library annual report

2008-2009

In addition to our collaborative lessons with classroom teachers, we provided whole class, small group, and one-one library instruction to meet the academic and information literacy needs of our students. Popular lessons and activities included:

Literature Lessons:

* Nonfiction – expository, informational, persuasive
* Fiction
* Fairy Tales
* Tall Tales
* Historical Fiction
* Science Fiction
* Realistic Fiction
* Poetry

Reading Comprehension Strategy Lessons:

* Activating/building prior knowledge
* Using sensory images
* Questioning
* Making predictions and inferences
* Determining main ideas
* Using fix-up options
* Synthesizing

Drama/Performance Activities:

* Reader’s Theater in every grade level

Information literacy instruction:

* Logging in to our online catalog and TexShare databases
* Internet search strategies – Boolean and keyword searching
* Multimedia tour of the Dewey Decimal Classification System
* PowerPoint
* Vodcasting
* Wikispaces
* World Book Encyclopedia Online
* Culturegrams Online Database

**Library Instruction**



**Star Lab Planetarium**

**Collaboration by Department**

Language Arts:

* Book Publishing
* Fractured Fairy Tales
* Graphic Novels
* Individual Novel Webquests
* Newbery Medal Award
* Poetry Unit
* Research Paper
* Story Writing

Mathematics:

* Careers in Mathematics
* Shapes
* Units of Measure

Science:

* Biomes
* Ecosystems
* Endangered Species
* Planetarium
* Weather

Social Studies:

* 50 States
* American Revolution
* Communities
* Countries
* Texas Revolution
* US Presidents



**Battle of the Books**

The Battle of the Books is a reading motivation program for students in grades 3rd – 8th. The goals of the program are to encourage reading for pleasure, broaden reading interest, and recognize students who enjoy reading. Competition is held annually in the county. Preliminary rounds are held in school. The top 2 teams from each grade (5th & 6th grade) move on to the county competition. This year we had one of our 5th grade teams place 1st and a 6th grade team place 2nd.

**Book Buddies**

5th and 6th graders who are interested sign up to be a Book Buddy to a 1st or 2nd grader for the year. Book Buddies meet once a week for 15 minutes at a time to read together. We had approx. 50 5th & 6th graders sign up to participate in the Book Buddies program. That’s a approximately 100 students involved in the program!

***Love of Reading Week***

***Annual Celebration***